

September 29, 2003

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, USF Certification as Required by 47 C.F.R.
§ 54.314

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) certifies that federal high-cost support funds will, to be best of our knowledge, be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as provided by Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The MPUC Certification of compliance with 47 C.F.R. 54.314(e) is based entirely on the representations made by RCC Minnesota, Inc. in the case where it was recently granted eligible telecommunication carrier status. The following is a list of all competitive eligible telecommunication carriers currently receiving federal universal service support in Maine: RCC Minnesota, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Joel Shifman at joel.shifman@maine.gov or at (207)287-1381.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

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